



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Press Conference Notification**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – November 26, 2012**

On Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 10 a.m., the Santa Barbara City Fire Department will be hosting a brief press conference at Fire Station 1. The conference will recognize Fire Engineer Jack Franklin achieving a prestigious award for heroism from the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority.

#### Background

On December 20, 2011, Fire Engineer Jack Franklin was off-duty and rendered aid at a motorcycle vs. pedestrian accident in Goleta. The pedestrian was critically injured and Engineer Franklin's life saving skills was credited with saving the patient's life prior to the arrival of first responders.

Engineer Franklin was nominated by Captain Chris Mailes of the SBFD after it became evident that Franklin's role was a crucial first, and immediate intervention needed to save the patient's life.

#### Award

On December 5, 2012, Franklin will receive the California State EMS Authority's Award for Heroism. Both Franklin and Mailes will be attending this ceremony in San Francisco. This award is only handed out to a few individuals who meet strict criteria for their selfless acts while off-duty. Additional awards in other categories will also be handed out that day.

#### Press Conference

The press conference will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow, November 27, 2012, at Fire Station 1. Media will have the opportunity to hear a more extensive overview of the incident; they will meet Engineer Franklin and will meet the patient who survived this extensive traumatic event.

Questions can be routed to the below email address.

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